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With no winning ticket matching the Mega Millions drawing from Friday, the jackpot has climbed once again, now reaching a record-breaking lottery total. Any Mega Millions lottery win could be life-changing for sure, but $1.6 billion is an immense number to wrap your head around. So just how big is this jackpot total? Well, for starters, it's about equivalent to the country of Belize's GDP. Read more about this record jackpot inside and at **metro.us** ahead of the next Mega Millions drawing tonight.

CUOMO AGREES TO DEBATE WITH MOLINARO

1 With just two weeks until the gubernatorial election, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo agreed to a televised debate with Republican challenger Marc Molinaro on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. on WCBS — his first one-on-one debate with a general-election candidate since 2010. With a double-digit lead headed into the Nov. 6 gubernatorial election, Cuomo was in no rush to debate the relatively unknown Duchess County official; however, after weeks of being taunted by his opponent and the tabloids alike, Cuomo, who debated Democratic challenger Cynthia Nixon prior to September's primary, offered a televised debate Sunday and Molinaro quickly accepted on Monday morning. Cuomo, who is viewed by political pundits as poised to enter the 2020 U.S. presidential race, is expected to win a third term handily. Aired on tape delay on television and radio by WCBS, the debate will be moderated by WCBS' Marcia Kramer and Rick Lamb from the station's radio affiliate. TERRY MOSELY

MAN SHOT TRYING TO BREAK INTO TV STATION

2 A security guard shot and wounded a man who kicked in the front doors of the offices of the Fox 5 channel in Washington, D.C., on Monday afternoon, the television station and police said. Security-camera video aired by the station showed the suspect, who police said was unarmed, kicking through two sets of plexiglass doors that lead into the building's lobby before being shot. "The man was reportedly confronted by a Fox 5-contracted security guard who shot the suspect in the upper torso," the channel, owned and operated by Fox Television Stations, reported. No one else was hurt, according to Fox 5 and the police. The man, who has not been publicly identified, was carried into an ambulance on a stretcher and taken to a hospital conscious but in critical condition, the channel reported. Melvin Gresham, a Metropolitan Police Department commander, told reporters at the scene the man was "stable, alert and conscious." Police did not discuss a possible motive for the incident. In June, a suspect who police said was motivated by a long-standing grudge against the Capital Gazette newspaper group in Annapolis, Md., shot and killed five people in the newsroom.

NEW YORK'S 72ND ST SUBWAY STATION ADORNED WITH YOKO ONO ARTWORK

3 A tile mosaic titled "Sky" by Yoko Ono adorns the walls of the newly reopened and renovated 72nd Street subway station on the Upper West Side of Manhattan on Monday. Ono lives in an apartment co-op building, The Dakota, above the underground subway station. She has lived there since the 1970s, when she moved in with her husband John Lennon, who was later shot and killed outside the building in 1980.

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TRUMP: UNSATISFIED WITH SAUDI ACCOUNT

4 President Donald Trump said on Monday that he was still not satisfied with what he has heard from Saudi Arabia about the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey, but did not want to lose investment from Riyadh. Trump spoke with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the de facto ruler of the world's top oil exporter, on Sunday. He told reporters on Monday that he has teams in Saudi Arabia and Turkey working on the case and would know more about it after they returned to Washington on Monday night or Tuesday. CIA Director Gina Haspel was traveling to Turkey on Monday to work on the Khashoggi investigation, two sources familiar with the matter told Reuters. "I am not satisfied with what I've heard," Trump told reporters at the White House. "I don't want to lose all that investment that's been made in our country. But we're going to get to the bottom of it." He later told USA Today that he believed the death was a "plot gone awry." Trump has expressed reluctance to punish the Saudis economically, citing the kingdom's multibillion-dollar purchases of U.S. military equipment and investments in U.S. companies.

ITALIAN SWEATER MOGUL BENETTON DIES AT AGE 77

5 Gilberto Benetton, a co-founder of Italian clothing retailer United Colors of Benetton who masterminded the family empire's diversification into construction, transport and catering, has died at the age of 77. The former head of family holding company Edizione, which controls Italy's biggest infrastructure group, Atlantia, died after a short illness, the family said on Monday. With his brothers Luciano and Carlo and sister Giuliana, Gilberto founded United Colors of Benetton in a small town in northeast Italy in 1965. Carlo died earlier this year. The retailer rose to fame in the 1980s and 1990s with its brightly colored sweaters but faced headwinds in recent times as demand for its products fell. Besides Atlantia, the Benettons, one of Italy's richest families, also control travel caterer Autogrill and Rome's airports. As the only member of the family on the Atlantia board, Gilberto faced a major crisis when a bridge in Genoa operated by a unit of Atlantia collapsed in August, killing 43 people.

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Mega Millions $1.6B jackpot equivalent to Belize GDP

There are plenty of crazy facts that put Tuesday's record-breaking jackpot into perspective.

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It's official: The Mega Millions lottery has reached a new record with a $1.6 billion jackpot, with an immediate cash option of $904 million.

Six numbered ping-pong balls have been drawn 25 times without a winner, growing the lottery total to a staggering amount and feeding the Mega Millions frenzy.

Those who buy a Mega Millions ticket for Tuesday's drawing have a 1 in 302.6 million chance of winning that record-breaking jackpot. But $1.6 billion is a hard number to wrap your head around, so here's a few ways to understand just how big that total truly is.

While nobody won last week's over-$1 billion Mega Millions jackpot, 15 people across the country did win $1 million from the lottery (that prize, won by matching the first five numbers on a ticket, comes with odds of 1 in 12 million).

Though that's also a hefty paycheck, there's a huge difference between a million and a billion, of course. Those numbers can seem abstract, so think about it this way: One million seconds is about 12 days, while 1 billion seconds is 31.7 years.

There are about 11 million millionaires in the United States alone, but billionaires are considerably more rare. Out of the nation's 325.7 million people, only 585 are billionaires, according to Forbes.

Even within that title of billionaire, total wealth varies widely. Jeff Bezos tops the 2018 Forbes 400 list with a net worth of $160 billion. For contrast, Oprah has "only" $2.8 billion.

Winning $1.6 billion from the Mega Millions jackpot wouldn't put you on the 2018 Forbes 400 List, unfortunately — the list had a cutoff of $2.1 billion, with 18 tying for the last spot this year — but it would make you worth more than Kanye West's clothing line, Yeezy. The Yeezy brand received a valuation of $1.5 billion back in August.

The Mega Millions jackpot is also on par with the GDP of Belize.

Kanye West's clothing line, Yeezy

YEEZY

- The Yeezy brand received a valuation of $1.5 billion back in August.

The Central American country has a gross domestic product of $1.699 billion in U.S. dollars, according to the United Nations. That means the Mega Millions jackpot is higher than the GDP of 30 countries, including Saint Lucia, the British Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos.

To learn more astonishing Mega Millions facts, go to metro.us.

BRIEF

Mega Millions website crashes as record jackpot draws clicks

Gregory Baron, 24, and Ben Nelson, 27, on Monday were eagerly purchasing $2 tickets for the Mega Millions jackpot in hopes of winning the record-setting $1.6 billion prize and becoming among the richest people in the world.

"I would incorporate myself as a business and become my own company," Baron said inside the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan, adding that he would also pay off his student loans and parents' mortgage and donate to charities if he wins.

"I would want to set myself up, but still be working so I don't erode into nothingness," Baron said.

Lottery players face odds of 1 in 303 million of winning the Mega Millions drawing Tuesday night. In comparison, the odds of getting killed by a shark are 1 in 3.7 million in a lifetime, according to the International Shark Attack File.

The Mega Millions website briefly crashed on Monday ahead of the drawing due to a surge in visitors, said a spokeswoman for the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, which administers the website. REUTERS

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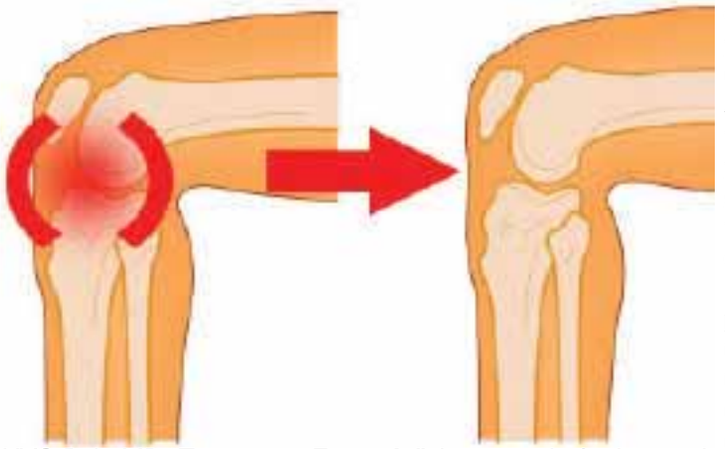

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Here's What You Should Do Next

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As of last week, six children from Brooklyn were infected with measles, a highly contagious virus that counts high fever, cough and rashes among its many symptoms. ISTOCK

Measles outbreak confirmed in Brooklyn; what you need to know

The outbreak has infected six children and appears to be contained within a section of Williamsburg's Orthodox Jewish community.

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We all know that flu season is set to rear its ugly head in New York City, but is a measles outbreak on deck for the city as well?

As of last week, six children from Brooklyn were infected with measles, a highly contagious virus that counts high fever, cough and rashes among its many symptoms.

The cases appear to be primarily contained to children ranging in ages from 11 months to 4 years within a portion of Williamsburg's Orthodox Jewish community, the New York Times reported Monday.

"We know that the main child who was affected was a child who was unvaccinated and traveled to an area in Israel that was undergoing a measles outbreak," Acting Health Commissioner Dr. Oxiris Barbot told the Times. "The problem is that we still have folks who refuse to get their children vaccinated, and that has consequences."

The Health Department recommends the MMR vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella for all New York City children at age 12 months, with a second dose given between ages 4 and 6.

"Two doses of MMR vaccine are required to attend kindergarten through grade 12," the department wrote on its website. "All persons, including infants aged 6 to 11 months, should be vaccinated prior to international travel."

The Health Department said last week there are seven confirmed people with measles in New York state. Five acquired the virus while traveling to Israel, and two were infected after being exposed to someone with the virus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said there were 137 individual confirmed cases of measles in 24 states, including New York, as of Sept. 8.

According to the CDC, a measles outbreak consists of three or more linked cases. There have been 11 outbreaks reported in 2018 so far, according to the agency's site, which was last updated on Sept. 26.

Measles symptoms typically appear about seven to 14 days after someone becomes infected, the CDC said.

The virus usually begins with a high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes, while tiny white spots may appear inside the mouth within two or three days.

After measles symptoms begin, a rash breaks out within three to five days, usually starting on the face near the hairline before spreading downward. Rashes may join together as they spread and can be accompanied by small raised bumps and a high fever of 104 degrees or more.

The fever and rash will subside "after a few days," the CDC said.

Ear infections and diarrhea are among the common complications associated with a measles outbreak, while pneumonia and encephalitis, or swelling of the brain, are among the more severe.

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Times Square Red Steps turn 10

The iconic TKTS staircase makes history in NYC and Hollywood.

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New Yorkers may find this hard to believe, but it's possible to find peace and quiet in the midst of the chaos in Times Square. Don't believe us? Take a seat on the Times Square Red Steps and see for yourself.

"It is oddly quiet once you get inside that glass," said Victoria Bailey, executive director of the Theatre Development Fund (TDF), which runs the TKTS booth below the iconic Red Steps. "It's this spot of some periodic tranquility in the midst of all of this."

The Times Square Red Steps turned 10 this month, opening after a design competition drew 683 entrants from across the world to design a new TKTS booth.

"The booth had opened in 1973, and we were still basically a construction trailer," Bailey said. "The thought was by 2000, it was time to build something permanent and not only to build a new booth, but to reimagine Times Square."

At the time, the area "had the luxury of being in a situation where crime had gone way down, and people suddenly could raise their expectations of what this should be, what the streets, sidewalks and public spaces could be," said Tim Tompkins, president of the nonprofit Times Square Alliance.

Though not a design inspiration for the architects, the Times Square Red Steps even "mimic a Greek amphitheater," Tompkins said. "We still say it's the second-best show on Broadway to sit there and watch New York City go by."

Before they were even finished, the Times Square Red Steps were already a movie star, having appeared, destroyed and covered in graffiti, in 2007's "I Am Legend" starring Will Smith.

"It was, 'Here's what we don't want to happen,'" Bailey said with a chuckle.

Since opening in 2008, the Red Steps have been Instagrammed likely millions of times and seen hundreds of wedding-vow renewals every year.

But when the iconic glass stairs starred alongside Jay-Z and Alicia Keys in their 2009 music video for "Empire State of Mind," "we really knew we had touched something," Tompkins said.

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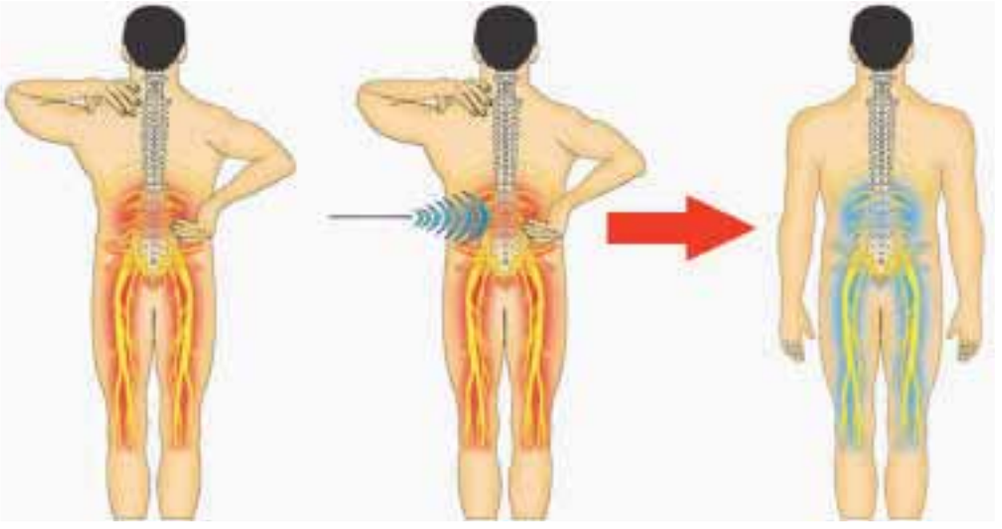

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Trump vows to cut Central America aid, raises alarm on migrant caravan

The U.N. says the caravan has as many as 7,000 people.

President Donald Trump on Monday vowed to begin curtailing tens of millions of dollars in American aid to three Central American nations and called a caravan of migrants bound for the United States a national emergency as he sought to boost his party's chances in Nov. 6 congressional elections.

"Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador were not able to do the job of stopping people from leaving their country and coming illegally to the U.S. We will now begin cutting off, or substantially reducing, the massive foreign aid routinely given to them," Trump wrote in a series of Twitter posts.

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President Trump

Trump and his fellow Republicans have sought to elevate the caravan, currently in southern Mexico inching toward the distant U.S. border, and immigration as campaign issues ahead of the midterm elections, in which his party is fighting to maintain control of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

"Remember the Midterms!" Trump wrote in Twitter posts decrying the caravan and attacking Democrats on immigration, as Republicans sought to energize their conservative political base.

U.S. administrations long have seen aid programs as an essential part of efforts to stabilize the countries of Central America and stem the flow of migrants leaving.

Trump, who has taken a hard line toward illegal immigration since taking office last year, wrote that he had alerted the military and Border Patrol "that this is a National Emergy [*sic*]," but did not say what actions he was planning. He also complained that Mexico's police and military "are unable to stop" the caravan.

The caravan was moving north again on Monday as migrants poured out of the southern Mexican city of Tapachula near the Guatemalan border, bound for Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital of Chiapas state. Some shielded themselves from the midday sun with umbrellas, others with bits of cardboard on which they had slept the previous night. As they left the city and crossed a highway, Mexican drivers honked their horns in solidarity.

U.N. spokesman Farhan Haq estimated that the caravan includes more than 7,000 people, "many of whom intend to continue the march north" toward the United States.

Trump travels to Texas, a key border state, later on Monday to campaign for Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, who is seeking re-election.

Trump was not specific about further aid cuts. Trump also said, without providing evidence, that "criminals and unknown Middle Easterners" are mixed in with the caravan, a claim immigration advocates disputed.

Writing in response to Trump on Twitter, Democratic U.S. Rep. Don Beyer said: "Trump and the Republicans have controlled the White House and Congress for the past two years. Anytime he whines about immigration, just remember that they have no real solutions." REUTERS

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US Bible museum says its five Dead Sea Scroll fragments fake

The Museum of the Bible in Washington on Monday said five of its artifacts thought to be part of the Dead Sea Scrolls were fake and would not be displayed anymore.

German-based researchers tested the fragments and found five "show characteristics inconsistent with ancient origin and therefore will no longer be displayed," the museum said in a statement.

Academics have long questioned the authenticity of Dead Sea Scroll fragments sold by antiquities dealers. The museum established by the Green family of Oklahoma, who own U.S. craft-store chain Hobby Lobby, funded research over the past two years into whether its 16 Dead Sea Scroll fragments were genuine.

"Though we had hoped the testing would render different results, this is an opportunity to educate the public on the importance of verifying the authenticity of rare biblical artifacts," Jeffrey Kloha, chief curatorial officer for the Museum of the Bible, said in the statement.

Scholars and media reports raised questions about the museum's Dead Sea Scroll fragments last year in the run-up to the Green family's November opening of the $500 million museum.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, composed of hundreds of manuscripts and thousands of fragments of ancient Jewish religious texts, were discovered in the West Bank by Bedouin shepherds in the 1940s. The nearly 2,000-year-old scrolls gave religious scholars a new trove of information on the Hebrew Bible.

Kipp Davis, an expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls at Trinity Western University in Canada, was one of several academics who studied the Museum of the Bible's scroll fragments, prompting the museum to send five for testing.

"My studies to date have managed to confirm upon a preponderance of different streams of evidence the high probability that at least seven fragments in the museum's Dead Sea Scrolls collection are modern forgeries, but conclusions on the status of the remaining fragments are still forthcoming," Davis said in the statement.

The museum sent the five fragments to Germany's BAM institute for analysis of their ink.

Forgers typically write on top of ancient scraps of parchment or leather, making fragments appear authentic until their ink is tested.

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UN calls for an end to virginity tests

Human rights organizations denounce medically unnecessary testing on unmarried girls.

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In a new report, international agencies are calling for an elimination of virginity tests, stating that they're medically unnecessary and a violation of the human rights of girls and women.

The report, produced by U.N. Human Rights, U.N. Women and the World Health Organization (WHO) urges more than 20 countries to stop the gynecological procedure used to allegedly test the virginity of unmarried women and girls, many times under force, threat or coercion for various reasons including requests from parents or potential partners to establish marriage eligibility or even from potential employers.

"When I was 17 and about to get married, I was forced to undergo a virginity test against my will. If I failed the test, my family would disown me," said a member of a women's support group in East London, South Africa, who will be referred to as "Sophia" so as not to be identified.

"When I was 17 and about to get married, I was forced to undergo a virginity test against my will. If I failed the test, my family would disown me."
Anonymous

"These deep-seated beliefs are rooted in history, with examples including higher dowries for 'virgins' or the medieval era's use of the chastity belt. The origins of virginity testing are based in patriarchal systems of gender discrimination, and harmful views about female sexuality," Dr. Claudia Garcia-Moreno, physician and coordinator of the U.N. report, told Metro.

Sophia comes from Mthatha, a city in South Africa where family and long-standing traditions serve a great value. She explains that there is a social expectation that girls and women should remain "virgins" until marriage.

"The test was made to see if I was suitable for marriage. To prove my innocence, purity and good morals," Sophia said.

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For decades, Indonesian women seeking to join the armed forces have been forced to quietly undergo a virginity test to prove their virginity and "purity." GETTY IMAGES

A virginity test is an inspection of the female genitalia meant to determine whether a woman or girl has had vaginal intercourse. The two most common techniques for virginity tests are either an inspection of the hymen or a two-finger test. Both are performed under the belief that the female genitalia can indicate a girl's or woman's history of sexual activity.

Neither version of these virginity tests is supported by scientific evidence and has no clinical basis.

"Virginity exams are in no way a method to prove or disprove someone's virginity," Dr. Adeeti Gupta, founder of Walk-In GYN Care, told Metro.

Gupta explains that there is no examination that can prove a girl or woman has had sex. The appearance of a girl's or woman's hymen cannot prove whether they have had sexual intercourse or are sexually active or not.

"The two-finger test and the exam of the hymen is not specific at all," Dr. Gupta said. "Many girls may lose their hymen from just various physical activities such as bike riding, horse riding, etc. Many others may have naturally wide vaginas which would 'fail' the two-finger test."

Despite the fact that virginity tests are unscientific, medically unnecessary and unreliable, professional doctors and police officers still perform these examinations.

"I have received several requests at various occasions in the U.S. and I refuse to have them use my exam as a 'virginity' exam," Dr. Gupta said.

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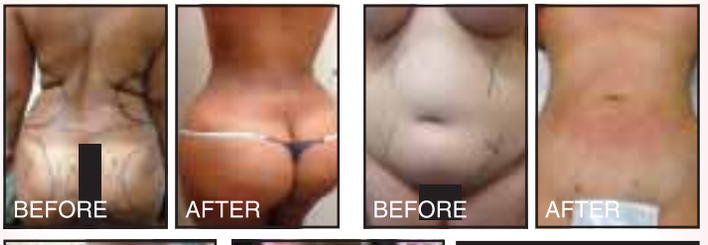

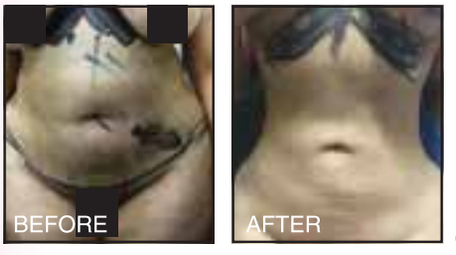

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Giuliani: Manafort said nothing damaging in Mueller interviews

The president's lawyer says he spoke with Paul Manafort's lawyer, Kevin Downing, last week.

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Under an unusual arrangement, Paul Manafort's attorney has kept Donald Trump informed about the former campaign chairman's meetings with prosecutors investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. election and, according to Trump's lawyer, Manafort has not said anything damaging about the president.

Rudy Giuliani, who represents Trump in the Russia probe, told Reuters that he had spoken with Manafort's lawyer, Kevin Downing, as recently as last week. Manafort pleaded guilty on Sept. 14 to violating foreign lobbying laws and trying to obstruct justice. He was convicted at trial in another case in August.

Giuliani said the conversations were occurring under a so-called joint defense agreement, which allows lawyers who represent different clients to exchange information without violating attorney-client privilege.

Legal experts said it was unusual for such an agreement to remain in effect after a person pleads guilty and agrees to cooperate with prosecutors as Manafort has done.

Manafort is talking to Special Counsel Robert Mueller "about a lot of things, none of which are incriminating with regard to the president," Giuliani said in one of several conversations with Reuters this month.

Giuliani said he was told by Downing that Manafort had met with Mueller's team roughly a half-dozen times.

Downing did not return requests for comment.

Giuliani's account of his communications with Downing comes at what may be a critical point in Mueller's investigation of election meddling and any possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign, which the president denies.

Mueller has started drafting a report outlining his findings that will be submitted to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who oversees Mueller's team, and could ultimately be made public, a person familiar with the matter said.

Peter Carr, a spokesman for Mueller, declined to comment.

New York lawyer Harry Sandick, a former federal prosecutor, said that there are some cases in which a joint defense agreement can survive a cooperation agreement, such as if Manafort is providing information about people other than Trump. REUTERS

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The event will start at 10 a.m. and run until 5 p.m., with 12 different 60-minute classes by different specialists in the fields of credit crisis, Medicare, and finance to help you save money and plan for the future.

What classes will be provided?

The event will run all day long and include such classes and one-on-one sessions with counsellors brought to you by the Community Service Society, the Financial Planning Association of NY, and the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program.

The classes that will be included throughout the day are "Medicare 2018," "Strategies for Smart Investing," "The Dos and Don'ts of Consumer Cyber Security," "The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017: How it Affects You," "FINRA Tools: Investor Resources at Your Fingertips," "The Job Search: From Resumes to Offers," "Maintaining Focus on What Moves Markets," "Understanding Your Financial Statement," "Caring for Your Aging Parents: The Financial Implications," "Wills and Advance Directives, "Tax Efficient Investing Strategies," and "Make the Most of What You Make."

The classes will run concurrently and will have limited seating available. Seating is first come first served.

What else will be going on?

Starting at noon, you will be able to explore all of the library's resources with database demonstrations on financial services such as Bloomberg, S & P Capital IQ, as well as other career resources.

Attendees of the Financial Planning Day will also be able to browse through the library's Financial Fair that will be running all day long.

Participating organizations in the Financial Fair include the New York Center for Independence of the Disabled; Circle of Care; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority; Financial Planning Association of Metro New York; the Internal Revenue Service; Medicare (HIICAP); New York City Housing, Preservation and Development; New York Public Library: Career Services; New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants; Office of Citywide Health Insurance Access; Office of the New York State Attorney General; Office of the State Comptroller; Securities and Exchange Commission; Social Security Administration; U.S. Department of Labor: Employee Benefits Security Administration; U.S. Department of Labor: Women's Bureau; and U.S. Small Business Administration.

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Carpooling

Going away to college is a great way to meet like-minded students from all across the country. But one of the things you can count on is that you are also bound to meet people who grew up close to where you grew up, and who will be heading in that direction when school closes down for break. One surefire way for cheap travel is to coordinate with those students to see if anyone is making the drive and if they have an open seat in their car. Make sure to find any message boards or groups on Facebook and places like Reddit to see if you can get a lift.

Cost-saving travel apps for college kids

Oh, technology. While we all like to moan about the time-sucking and addictive evils it has introduced to our fragile human psyche, having the ability to find the best options for cheap travel as we get closer to the holidays is one thing we can really rejoice over. By downloading travel-savings apps like Check My Bus for cheap bus trips and Skyscanner for inexpensive flights, you can cut down on the time you would take to cross-analyze your different options for getting home.

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MOVIE GRUMBLE!
The assigned-seating policy at AMC Theatres is annoying and does not work. They need to go back to first-come, first-serve ticketing. First of all, patrons do not know the floor plans of each theater. So it is impossible to know whether you are in a seat you will like or not. I recently went to see "A Star Is Born" at the AMC Lincoln Square. Despite the ticket-seller showing us a seating chart, the tickets we received were right in the front of the screen. This was way too close, especially for a two-and-a-half-hour movie. The chart in no way accurately reflected where our seats were!

Furthermore, if someone really tall sits in front of you, you are stuck, whereas before you could just move. People are also rude and over-entitled about the seating. I have seen people arrive late to a film and make everyone in the theater shift if someone is in "their seats," even when a theater is half-full. Once, some rude people came 20 minutes into a movie, then expected the whole row to move for them. This is ridiculous and disruptive. If we have to endure assigned seats, then latecomers should forfeit the right to a specific seat.

And finally, people need to sit back in their seats. Sitting forward places the person's head and body in the middle of the screen or stage. Lately, I have also witnessed a few people oddly leaning forward, without regard to the people behind them.

The other issue is people sporting top-knots at films and in theaters, generally. People can't see through hair piled on top of a person's head. I was at a private screening for "BlacKkKlansman" in a small screening room and we literally had to ask a woman to take her hair down. Another time a guy had his locks piled so high on his head at a dance performance that people had to look around him. It should just be common sense that anything that adds 2 to 5 inches to the top of your head is going to obstruct the view of the people behind you. — **"That Girl at the Party,"** *Metro US reader*

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Gemini If you work under the radar, you'll get more done. As soon as you share your intentions, you'll be faced with interference. Be careful and precise before you present something to others.

Cancer Monitor the changes going on around you, but don't meddle. You have far more to gain by keeping your distance and doing your own thing.

Leo Make plans to do something fun and budget-friendly with either a loved one or co-worker. Moderation and attention to detail will be key to your success.

Virgo Focus on finishing what you start without taking a risk or overspending. A change to the way you do things or an update to your skills will broaden your prospects.

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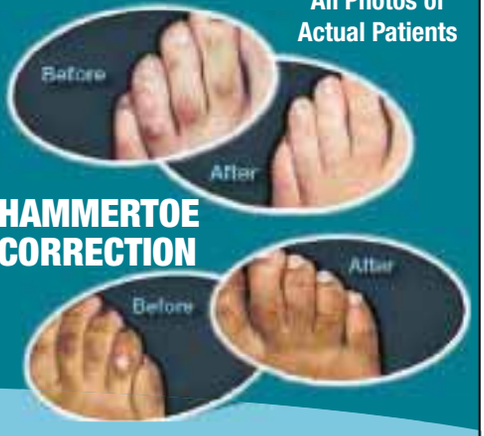

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How do they get so big?

Wisconsin farmer Caleb Jacobus reveals what it takes to grow a giant pumpkin — the biggest of which come each fall to the New York Botanical Garden.

The Spooky Pumpkin Garden is open through Oct. 31. BRANDON HARDIN

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Pumpkins are among the royalty of the fruit world. Starbucks' Pumpkin Spice Latte is the 21st-century equivalent of the Fall Equinox, jack-o'-lanterns are an entire art form, and we haven't even started talking about pies. But decorative gourds are not the only squashes grown for show — giant pumpkins are serious business among the nation's farmers, and the biggest of them end up in the New York Botanical Garden's Spooky Pumpkin Garden, open through Oct. 31.

It's the most prestigious place for a giant pumpkin to end up, according to Caleb Jacobus. He would know — the Wisconsin farmer is a member of the Great Pumpkin Commonwealth and the co-grower, along with John Barlow, of the fourth-largest giant pumpkin in the entire world this season, weighing in at 2,283 lbs.

"For the kids to see it, that's what it's all about, really," he says, looking on as tots aged 2 to 12 turned his produce into a jungle gym last Saturday. "That's probably the happiest pumpkin there ever was."

So what does it take to grow a giant pumpkin? Ingenuity, a lot of hard work and one special superfood.

How to grow a giant pumpkin

The single most astonishing fact about giant pumpkins is how fast they grow. From seed to prize-winning gourd takes fewer than 90 days.

Growing a giant pumpkin starts in early April. Seeds have to be pre-soaked in water for several hours then transferred into a bucket of enriched soil, and are kept in a room at 85 degrees in early April.

Once the seeds germinate, the buckets go in front of a sunny window for a couple weeks to develop roots. Meanwhile, outside Jacobus has already built the individual greenhouses for each giant pumpkin he plans to grow — four this season — which are busy warming up the soil.

Caleb Jacobus

The seeds go into the ground at the start of May, planted in soil tilled with maple leaves, hydrolized fish, chicken pellets and seaweed — it has 72 trace minerals. All that good food means once the pumpkin gets going, it will almost outgrow its 12-by-12-foot greenhouse in about a month. "At 40 days old, this pumpkin was over 1,000 lbs.," he says. "During peak growth, it'll grow 50 lbs. a day." You can almost hear it growing!

After that, you try to block as much wind as possible and start the hard work. Every day, the vines of each pumpkin grow up to 2 feet, which must be constantly covered by soil and trained to grow in a certain way to keep the fruit growing. Just watering each one takes up to an hour every other day.

But doing it the old-fashioned way is what's gotten him these results for 13 years. "I know people that are millionaires that grow their own pumpkins and spend thousands of dollars per plant," he says.

"This plant would have [cost] less than $500 to grow it. It's mainly the elbow grease."

Say 'aloha' with hula

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Decades before Hawaii would join the United States, the Hawaiian Room was already bringing the spirit of aloha to New York at the Hotel Lexington. Though it's been closed since 1966, the famous hula dancers who wowed the crowds at the Hawaiian Room are returning for a week of free events to help preserve this unique Polynesian art form.

Opened in 1937, the Hawaiian Room brought a true experience of island life to New York, flying in only the best hula dancers to perform among the palm trees and traditional rattan fixtures in what was known as "the Eastern Outpost of Hawaii," while guests enjoyed coconut cocktails and a Polynesian luau.

From Oct. 23-26, a group of former Hawaiian Room dancers are returning to New York as part of the Hula Preservation Society, dedicated to promoting this unique Polynesian art form. Tonight at 6 p.m., they'll put on a free performance at the home of the Hawaiian Room, now known as Lexington Hotel, Autograph Collection (511 Lexington Ave.).

On Friday, Oct. 26 beginning at 6:15 p.m., make lauhala tree ornaments, take a free hapahaole hula lesson with TeMoana Makolo and hear former Hawaiian Room dancers reminisce about their experience at NYU (20 Cooper Square, fourth floor, for dancing register at workshops@hulapreservation.org). Then on Sunday, Oct. 28, the ladies will be at the New York Botanical Garden for the last day of its "Georgia O'Keeffe: Visions of Hawaii" exhibit with a hula performance, film screening and discussion.

Though the Hawaiian Room closed in 1966, some of the aloha spirit was recently revived at the Lexington Hotel. Among six redesigned suites is the Hawaiian Room, with features like woven palm leaf fans, an authentic gourd drum and conch shell horn.

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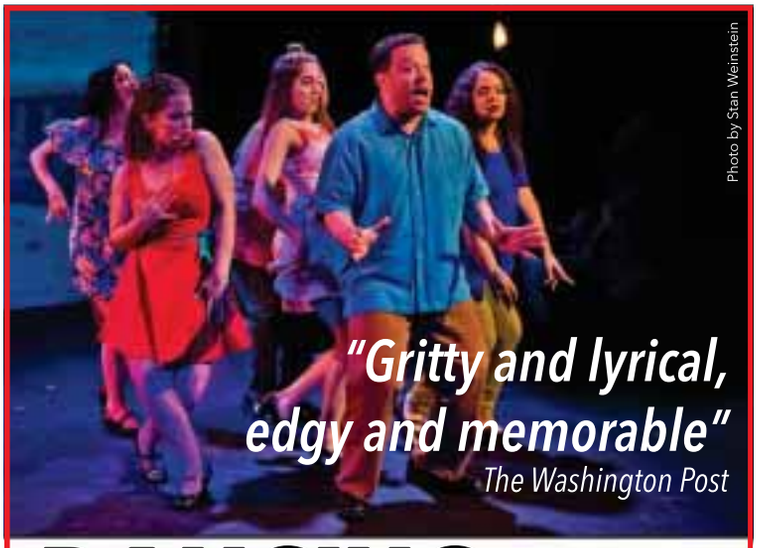

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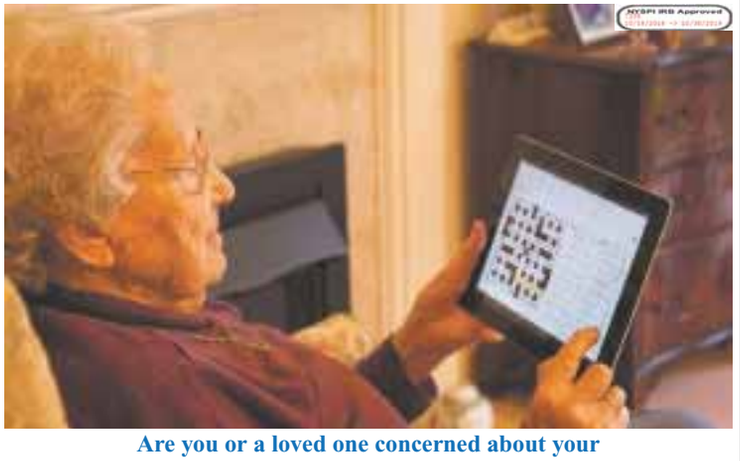

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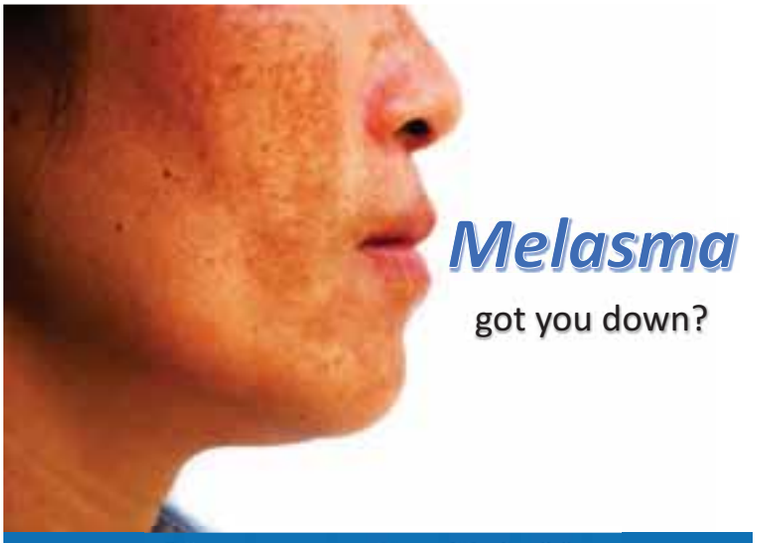

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Ron Livingston on the limits of 'dramedy' and 'Loudermilk' season 2

The star of Peter Farrelly and Bobby Mort's dark comedy opens up about playing with "gallows humor."

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Ron Livingston returns for "Loudermilk" season 2. GETTY IMAGES

More often than not, the term "dramedy" is used to describe television shows that just don't seem to fit squarely into the comedy or drama genres. "BoJack Horseman" on Netflix, "Kidding" on Showtime, "Casual" on Hulu — these and countless others have all been described as such.

And then there's AT&T Audience Network's "Loudermilk," the second season of which premiered last week. Ahead of Tuesday's episode, star Ron Livingston spoke with Metro about the challenges, and the fun, of doing "gallows humor" on a show that is as funny as it is serious. After all, co-creators Peter Farrelly and Bobby Mort set it in the world of drug addiction and rehabilitation.

"There's a little gallows humor to the 12-step recovery world," says Livingston, who plays the titular Sam Loudermilk. "There's something about doing the work of recovery, and really getting under the hood and taking a hard look at yourself, and making an effort to understand it and change it, that brings real focus. It's fun to play characters that aren't built for that, but somehow, when the chips are down, they can. They know how important it is, and they just work at it."

"Loudermilk" follows Sam, a former music critic whose life was upended by his alcoholism, but ultimately (and mostly) turned around by his friend Ben Burns' (Will Sasso) rehab group. Now he's leading his own group, though after a brief relapse at the end of season 1, Sam's finding it more difficult to cope with life's challenges.

"Anybody can be dramatic. Anybody can be funny," explains Livingston. "The fun of this show is that we're trying to do both at the same time. We're trying to keep both of those balls in the air, and that's hard to do."

He's not wrong. The inherent difficulties of trying to utilize the tropes of two incredibly disparate storytelling genres are why so many "dramedies" fail to live up to what they profess to be. At the same time, Livingston isn't convinced that the hybrid genre even exists. Or, at least he doesn't think it's a helpful way to frame television shows like "Loudermilk."

"I think a lot of times, when people talk about dramedies, it's a little bit of a trap," he says. "What happens is you kind of go to the middle, and you give up the extremes of one or the other and you try to be something in the middle. That's really limiting. For us, Pete [Farrelly] was really smart to go the other way with it. He uses the gravity of the fact that we're dealing with life and death issues like addiction and substance abuse recovery to serve as a big counterweight that allows us to go way out into the deep end with the comedy.

"So we're doing broad comedy," Livingston continues. "We're doing dark comedy. We're doing stuff that's more subtle. We're doing physical humor. We're doing site gags. We can do all kinds of stuff, but if we didn't have this particular subject matter to ground it, it might feel a little frivolous. We always have these stakes underlying everything, and somehow, it all comes together and works."

New episodes of "Loudermilk" air Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on the AT&T Audience Network.

How immigration influenced Derren Brown's 'Sacrifice'

Derren Brown hopes to tap into the current political and social discussion regarding immigration with his new Netflix special, "Sacrifice."

"I was in New York with my co-producer last year, it was around the time I was doing the Broadway show. I had this interest from Netflix. It made sense to do something that was resonant," Brown tells Metro. "I always try to find something with a strong dramatic hook and a really worthwhile point for doing it. A message or subtext, not just being controversial or sensationalist for the sake of it.

"Especially after 'The Push,' which was a dark journey, I wanted to try and save a life rather than end one. It made sense to do something about laying down your life for your enemy," he adds. "Or saving the life of someone you otherwise saw as an adversary. It started to kind of resonate in the whole world of immigration that we are in now."

Brown admits that he and his creative team didn't know what they were going to do with "Sacrifice" until they found Phil, which is "when it all made sense and came together." Then they started to dream up the idea of Phil, who is very much anti-immigration, sacrificing his life for an immigrant.

"We didn't quite know who the guy was going to be. Would it be a hate-filled, monster racist? But Phil isn't that. He is a very likable person, and like a lot of people, just a guy struggling with aspects of his own financial and living situation," says Brown. "The world of immigration became a scapegoat. He has these strong views but is still very likable. Which is a great combination to find in somebody. Once we picked him, it made so much sense that of course it would be an American guy with these issues."

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OPINION

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There comes a point in time where enough is enough. Let's stop the nonsense. And I think most people have reached that point when it comes to Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. That is why Giants co-owner John Mara had every right to criticize his star wide receiver.

There is no questioning his talent and his impact, even though the Giants have never really "won" with him and his only playoff appearance against the Packers was a disaster on the field — and off of it, with the documented "boat trip" of January 2017.

He is a star and one of the faces of the National Football League and is clearly marketable to the young football fan, hence his deal with Nike.

But, as the Giants are mired in another disastrous start, they are engulfed in the drama created in large part to their star wide receiver.

Listen, I was all for Odell Beckham Jr. getting the contract that he received in late August, which was a five-year extension worth $95 million dollars, $65 million of that guaranteed. He played the good soldier in training camp and created zero distractions and looked like a young man that had finally matured. His commitment to football has never been questioned. He cares about football and he is well-liked in the Giants locker room. He wants to win, but the way of going about winning can be called into question.

Odell Beckham Jr. has to be a leader in every aspect of the term, writes Marc Malusis. GETTY IMAGES

You see, Beckham is an interesting test case because it is not just black and white; to steal a line from the Grateful Dead, it is more of a "touch of grey." Those who say you can't win with Beckham are lost and don't point to the lack of relevant football with the Giants because he is not the reason why the Giants are losing. With that being said, you can't turn a blind eye to the fact that the unnecessary drama and distractions have had some sort of negative impact. Can you place a percentage on it? Absolutely not, but you can't say it has not created a distraction for the Giants, which is the last thing a team wants.

So, there two very distinctive thoughts on Odell Beckham Jr. and I would say the truth lies somewhere in the middle. But there does come a point in time where you throw your hands up and say enough.

When the season is going badly, nothing good can come out of you doing an interview with ESPN as Lil Wayne is sitting next to you. An interview in which the offense and Eli Manning were called into question before he went on to discuss his affinity for life in Los Angeles. Then you get his apology to his teammates the night before the Carolina game. Beckham then took credit for the inspired effort in the loss, which led to him hopping on social media after yet another loss, this time to the Eagles at home, in which he walked back his apology because he was just saying "how he feels."

Good times.

That was an Eagles game in which Beckham left the field before the end of the first half to get an IV and throw a tantrum on the sideline, which included his headbutting an industrial cooling fan near the Giants bench.

I think all of this is what led to Giants co-owner John Mara saying what he did last week: "I wish he would create the headlines by his play on the field as opposed to what he says and what he does off the field. I think he needs to do a little more playing and a little less talking."

Mara has every right to criticize his players when he sees fit, and those who think otherwise need a dose of reality. As co-owner, he helps pay the bills and he is allowed to ask for Beckham to stop the nonsense. He is not providing cover for quarterback Eli Manning.

For better or worse, Odell Beckham Jr. is what he is. Throw in Beckham's dad posting a video of Mara throwing a chair in his owner's box to defend his son, and Beckham and head coach Pat Shurmur having to answer questions as to why Beckham does not drink water, and that is what you call a typical week for the Giants nowadays. Maybe the Giants should have known better. But they were not willing to give up on the talent and I don't disagree with them.

Beckham handled himself well when addressing the media on Friday, saying he values the opinion of Mara before revealing that he tells Manning every time they get in the huddle for the veteran quarterback to take him home. Maybe he got the message, but he probably did not.

I do think winning games will help the situation, but I think Beckham needs to realize it is not about him, but the team.

He wanted the money and he got it. He earned it.

With that deal, the Giants no longer want the migraines he has a tendency to cause. You can build the brand without being a distraction.

I think that is fair, no?

Beckham wants to consider himself a leader and it can be shown in many different variations. With that, leadership is not necessarily shown by the person with the strongest voice. It can also be shown by the individual with the strongest game. OBJ needs to learn that and needs to know that sometimes it is better not to say everything on your mind. He needs to also learn the value of keeping things in-house.

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Timid attack plaguing Blueshirts in slow start

Misfiring offense is headlining Rangers' tough start.

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It's been par for the course when it comes to the start of the New York Rangers' 2018-19 season. Through eight games, the Blueshirts are 2-5-1 at the bottom of the Metropolitan Division, where many believe they will stay for the remainder of the year.

One of the early concerns has been New York's offense, which has slotted just 19 goals in their opening games, tied for last in the Eastern Conference. Yet four of the team's five losses have been by just a single goal.

Rookie head coach David Quinn believes it's because his attack is hesitating, allowing the opposing goalie to set themselves in the best position to make a save. And right now, it's all in the head.

"I think it's more of a mindset," Quinn said. "I still don't think we're a quick-release, take-advantage-of-broken-plays type of team. When there's a loose puck, we look to hold it, then shoot it. I think we've got to be more tenacious with a shooting mentality."

The Rangers have actually exhibited a knack for moving the puck well enough to open up scoring chances. It's just the killer instinct that is lacking.

They rank fifth in the NHL with 275 shots on goal, but their shooting percentage of just 6.5 percent is third-worst in the NHL and at the very bottom of the Eastern Conference.

"Too many times, we get a loose puck and it's hold it, stickhandle, then make a pass, as opposed to just getting it to the net and maybe getting them turned around a little bit," Quinn said.

During Sunday's loss to the Calgary Flames, the Rangers unleashed 45 shots on third-year goaltender David Rittich, who had just nine career wins entering the clash at Madison Square Garden. He turned away 44 of those chances as the Flames handed New York its second-straight loss.

Quinn was hesitant to give Calgary's backup too much credit, though.

"He played well. He played really well, but we've got to find ways to take advantage of our chances and we just haven't done that," Quinn said. "Throughout the season, we just haven't been able to be opportunistic."

That kind of frustration is starting to be felt by the players, especially star goaltender Henrik Lundqvist.

"I feel like these types of games are starting to add up, unfortunately," Lundqvist said. "We are playing good enough to win games, but we are not finding ways to win games. There were a lot of good things again... just cash in when you get an opportunity."

Veteran winger Mats Zuccarello, one of the last remaining notable skaters from the Rangers' postseason days, believes it's something more tangible than a mindset.

"It's a skill to score," Zuccarello said. "We created a lot of chances and we can sit here and say that we didn't play a bad game, but we lost. So it's not good enough. We do it to ourselves, some mistakes here and there, and they capitalize."

The Rangers face a struggling Florida Panthers team on Tuesday night that has allowed 25 goals over six games this year. That means there will be chances, but it's up to the Rangers to display the aggression needed to capitalize.

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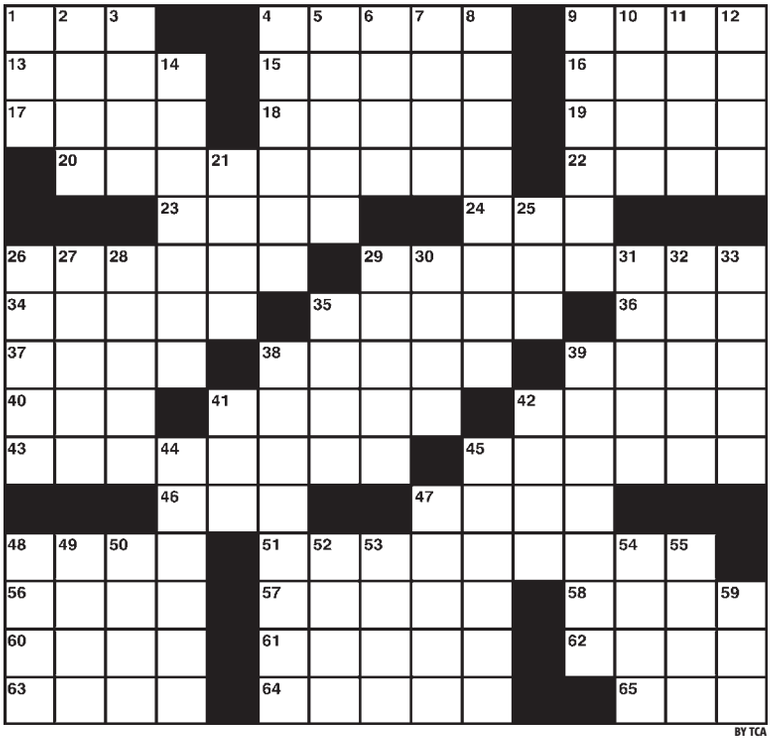

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1 Hairy as an __
4 White-water transports
9 Part of the foot
13 Period before Easter
15 Luau greeting
16 Wood splitters
17 Put money in a piggy bank
18 Short-tailed weasel
19 __ years; 2020, 2024, 2028, etc.
20 Artificial; man-made
22 Griffith or Rooney
23 Wharf
24 Haw's partner, in phrase
26 Spaces below roofs
29 Well-behaved
34 Waterbirds
35 Injures through rough handling
36 Broadcast
37 Faucets
38 Permanent army posts
39 On the loose
40 Rush
41 Does a manicurist's job
42 Tango or twist
43 __ in; signed up for
45 Self-confident
46 British bar
47 Umpire's cry
48 Loafer, for one
51 Decorate
56 Wild feline
57 Provide with new weapons
58 TV crime drama series
60 Tool with a blade
61 Piece of furniture
62 __ away; donated
63 Look curiously
64 Derisive smile
65 "Cry __ River"

DOWN

1 Jolson & Roker
2 Potpie veggies
3 1 of 7 Deadly Sins
4 Itchy red patches
5 Modify
6 Linear measure
7 Bangkok language
8 Shoulder bags
9 Deli purchase
10 Work animals
11 Go before others
12 Notice
14 Bowling
21 Tourette's syndrome symptoms
25 Ames and Asner
26 TV's "__ World Turns"
27 Tom Sawyer's creator
28 __ off; diminish bit by bit
29 Rowed
30 No ifs, ands, or __
31 Makes money
32 Sister's daughter
33 Cornered
35 Internal spy
38 Hazelnuts
39 Not succeeding
41 Reason to call in sick
42 Gift for a little girl
44 Can __; kitchen appliance
45 Arnie with a club
47 TV's "Uncle Miltie"
48 __ in the face; insult
49 Conceal
50 Leak out
52 Cruel
53 __ in the woods; innocent one
54 Con game
55 Bee's home
59 Body of water

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